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OFFICE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Albanian Operation - Plans for Assassination of
Members of the Committee for Free Albania

1. A source of the highest reliability has reported that the Albanian Intelligence Service, acting on behalf of the Albanian Government, has assigned an agent in Italy the task of assassinating Hasan Dosti and Abas Kupi, members of the Committee for Free Albania. This agent has also received the mission to assassinate Ismail Verlaci, leader of the BKI. It is reported that one attempt has already been made on Verlaci's life in Rome on 25 November 1949.

2. This office has taken precautionary action in this regard which it is considered will be sufficient for the time being. Any information concerning this matter which you consider should be made available to your field stations must be handled with the greatest possible discretion in order not to compromise the operation which has been mounted to safeguard the lives of these individuals. It is requested that no action be taken by your office in this regard without prior consultation with OSO.

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Assistant Director
Special Operations

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